

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty and concern for one's fellow man; and,

WHEREAS, That hard work and perseverance was evident in the family of Ed Keene who migrated to South Dakota in hopes of making a place for themselves in the mining industry and fell in love with the Black Hills; and,

WHEREAS, Ed's earliest recollection of skiing was at age five when he helped his father deliver the mail, and Ed's high school sweetheart, Florence, remembers driving through the Black Hills on dates in search of a skiable mountain where they would proceed to climb up and ski down; and,

WHEREAS, In the 1930s, Ed helped initiate the Bald Mountain Ski Club, installed the first rope tow in 1936 where the Stewart Slope is located, joined others in forming the Black Hills Chair Lift Company in 1952 and built the first chair lift where the #1 Blue Chair Lift is now located on Terry Peak, has owned and operated the Terry Peak Ski School and rentals for forty years and, in between these years, was called to serve in the U.S. Army; and,

WHEREAS, Ed coached the Terry Peak Ski Club racers and jumpers, started the Junior Recreation Program and has taught literally thousands of people to ski over the years; and,

WHEREAS, Ed has devoted his life to the betterment of his community, the caring and sharing with family and friends and the day-to-day giving and loving which make South Dakota a great state in which to live and work; and,

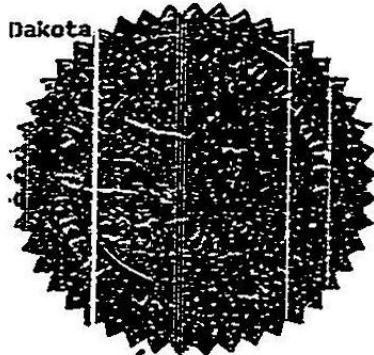
WHEREAS, Ed is a devoted husband to his wife, Florence, a good father to their two sons, John and Mike, and a beaming, pride-filled grandfather to Sean, Seth, Jessie, Kelsey, Abbey and Adam; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize Ed Keene's part in the sport of skiing in the Black Hills, and to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 17, 1990, as

ED KEENE DAY


in South Dakota



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety


GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE